

## Brookline PAX General Questionnaire 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs

NOTES: *A. Short answers are encouraged! However, feel free to use additional sheets if necessary.*  
*B. Please see cover letter further explaining the questions and the PAX endorsement process.*

1. Why are you running for this position? Please provide some information about yourself, e.g., community involvement, activity in local/national groups, Town positions, occupation, education, or anything else you think relevant.

2. BUDGET ISSUES – A: Did you support or oppose the CPA in November 2006? And to what extent do you support an OVERRIDE this year?

2B. Rank 1-9 your priorities (“1” highest) when the Town faces budget deficits:

___ Keep taxes level or lower	___ Recreation programs	___ Schools
___ Public safety (police/ fire)	___ Parks & conservation	___ Libraries
___ Public health, human services	___ Facilities & streets	___ Affordable housing

3. LABOR/PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: What is your opinion about, and past involvement (if any) in/with organized labor? Assuming they might save some money, at least in the short run, what is your opinion of (a) PRIVATIZATION, including replacement of unionized employees with outside contractors using non-union labor; and (b) hiring more PART-TIME Town employees (without benefits or job security)?

4A. DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING: The abolition of rent control caused a loss of over 7,000 affordable units in Brookline. What should the Town be doing to develop or preserve affordable housing, including the 10-acre Fisher Hill Reservoir site (formerly state-owned, now Town’s)? What (if any) is your history of involvement in housing issues?

4B. What are your views on the trade-offs between DEVELOPMENT for more revenue and its impact on NEIGHBORHOODS? Are neighborhood concerns given enough weight? Why or why not? What is your past experience (including Town Meeting votes and in neighborhood groups) with these trade-offs?

5. Do you favor universal, publicly funded HEALTH CARE? If not, what reforms do you support?

6. What is your position, and past activity (if any), on REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS?

7. What is your position on, and past involvement (if any) with, the DEATH PENALTY?

8. Do you believe Town Meeting should have easier and more frequent individually RECORDED VOTES?

9. The May 2006 Town Meeting passed a resolution supporting the impeachment of President Bush. If an incumbent, how did you VOTE? And in any event, what is your current view on whether his impeachment is appropriate?

10. On balance, do you believe the selectmen properly handled the situation involving TMM-6 Arthur Conquest, officials from Town Hall and the police? Please briefly explain why or why not.

11. Are NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (usually the subject of non-binding “resolutions”) sometimes proper for debate and votes at Town Meeting? Please explain.

Would you like PAX’s endorsement?\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_